

Dear Governor Lamont,

In regards to HB7192, I oppose this bill. I urge you to find ways to cut costs not at the educational expense of our children. Larger school districts aren't better for CT. Let the school systems figure out ways to share resources between towns – as many of them are doing. Do not force us to consolidate or tell us we won't have funding unless we are follow the consolidation rules. I haven't seen anywhere that says forced consolidation saves money. I haven't heard that it increases the quality of education.

I was born and raised in CT. I came back when it was time to raise my own family and have been back here for 22 years. Even we are considering looking moving out of state. We love it here, but we can't continue to have our taxes increase and the government forcing us to consolidate our schools. It is a shame what you are proposing to do to our state – ruining it. Look at ways to cut costs internally. Look at ways to turn the pension around. Stop negotiating bad deals with the unions. Jobs now give 401ks not pensions – lets change that now for the future.

Its time to do what's right for the state of CT and the people who live here. DO not pass HB7192. Do not force consolidation of our schools.

Please please DO **NOT** pass HB7192.

Sincerely,

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